

IN RECOGNITION OF FIREMAN AND  
DRIVER BRIAN COX

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Brian Cox for his dedicated and outstanding service to the Denton Fire Department and the city of Denton, TX.

Mr. Brian Cox has recently been honored Firefighter of the Year for his leadership in the Denton Fire Department and the Denton Firefighter's Association. As a driver, his top priority is getting the fire team safely to the scene unharmed. Among his many duties, Mr. Cox also stays with the engine to ensure that water is pumped from the fire hydrant to the fire, while the remaining firefighters take charge of the fire inside the burning buildings. For the past 4 months he has willingly stepped in for a fellow injured officer and took upon himself the role of captain at station 3 on the C shift. A natural leader, Mr. Cox has aspirations of becoming a captain in the future and looks forward to taking charge of his own fire station.

A native of Denton, TX, Mr. Brian Cox graduated from Denton High School, after which he served in the Navy as a firefighter for 6 years. He is active in the Denton Firefighters Association, which works with city officials on the contract that allows negotiation with the city on fire-related issues. Mr. Cox is not only a loyal and modest fireman, but also a devoted husband to his wife, Triniki Cox, and loving father to their three children.

It is with great honor that I recognize Mr. Brian Cox for his hard work and selfless dedication to the Denton Fire Department and the citizens of Denton, TX. I am proud to represent him in Washington, and his service will be set as a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO MR. PERCY SUTTON—  
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SERVICE LOCATED AT 365 WEST  
125TH STREET IN NEW YORK,  
NEW YORK, AS THE “PERCY  
SUTTON POST OFFICE BUILD-  
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**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Percy Sutton, a true leader in the Harlem community. He has worked as a stunt pilot, train conductor, military intelligence officer, civil rights attorney, broadcast company owner, TV producer, and borough president. But Sutton is most notably known as a mentor for young leaders in my congressional district.

Percy Sutton was born in San Antonio, TX on November 24, 1920, the youngest child of Samuel and Lillian Sutton's 15 children. Sutton attended and graduated from Prairie View A&M University, Tuskegee Institute, and Hampton Institute. A skilled pilot, Sutton served our country during World War II with

the Tuskegee Airmen and won combat stars as an intelligence officer.

After receiving an honorable discharge with the rank of captain, Sutton enrolled in the Brooklyn College Law School and received his law degree in 1950. During the 1950s and 1960s, Sutton became one of America's best known lawyers, fighting for civil rights and representing many prominent African American figures, including Malcolm X.

Sutton served as borough president of the borough of Manhattan from 1966 until 1977. During his tenure he supported initiatives to forge economic revitalization in Harlem. It was Sutton, while borough president, who first presented the idea of tourism in upper Manhattan. He continues to encourage the revitalization of the Harlem community by supporting organizations which promote local empowerment and economic development.

Sutton is also a leader in the business world. In 1971, he created the Inner City Broadcasting Company. The company housed the first African American owned radio stations in New York City: WBLS and WLIB. Sutton initiated the revitalization of the legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem and successfully produced the nationally acclaimed television show, *It's Showtime at the Apollo*. In 1987, he went on to receive the Spingarn Medal from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, for his many achievements as a public servant, businessman, and community leader.

Percy Sutton is a great American and a good friend. He continues to be an inspiration for young African Americans. I urge you to support H.R. 954 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, NY, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building.”

IN HONOR OF LT. COL. DAVID C.  
CANEGATA III

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2007*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of a family man, a soldier, and a friend, LTC David C. Canegata III who was killed in Iraq on January 20 when the Black Hawk helicopter in which he and 11 of his colleagues were flying went down over Baghdad.

My district, the U.S. Virgin Islands mourned the loss of Lieutenant Colonel Canegata and his fellow Virgin Islander SFC Floyd Lake for they were among the best and brightest of our National Guardsmen who have served their country faithfully in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba since the onset of hostilities on September 11.

The gospel of John, Chapter 15, Verse 13 states that “Greater love than this has no man, but that he lay down his life for his friends.” Lieutenant Colonel Canegata, who was a man of faith, has given us the greatest gift of all, the gift of love, through his service and sacrifice.

I knew David, or “Tershie” as he was affectionately called, since his early childhood as our families were close and his cousins were my best friends and so his passing is a very painful, personal loss.

David left a wonderful legacy of devotion to family, community, the National Guard, and his church. In his short life, he touched the lives of many in different parts of the world, but more than anything else, he was a father, who while giving his all to his own, extended his nurturing and love to the young people of his church and community. His brothers and sisters in arms, his National Guard family, remember him as a source of strength and inspiration and leadership.

On behalf of my family, staff, and the Congress of the United States, I extend our heartfelt sympathy and eternal gratitude to his wife, Shenneth, his parents David and Carmen, his children Nicole, David-Mychal, Andre, and Jessica, his siblings Diane, Terry, Yvette, and John, the entire Canegata clan, Speak the Word Ministries and his National Guard family. His life, and the loving, caring man of God that he became is a beautiful and enduring tribute to you, the family that nurtured him.

We all loved him, but now he is with the One who can love him more perfectly than we ever could.

David fought, defended, and protected us in war, but he was a man of peace. We honor him, we thank him, and we will never forget him, his ultimate sacrifice and the love he gave in the most profound way to all of us.

May he rest in Eternal Peace.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY DANIEL  
BEDSAUL FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gregory Daniel Bedsaul, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 145, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gregory has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Gregory has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gregory Daniel Bedsaul for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING COPPERAS  
COVE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL  
TEAM

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2007*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of Copperas Cove High School in Copperas Cove, Texas. Copperas Cove High School has long been recognized as an institution that places a premium on academic success. Recently,